

NUCLEAR EMERGENCY PLANNING

Petition of the Office of Emergency Management that the Chairman of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Assess North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation for the Estimated Costs to Maintain the New Hampshire Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant

Order Authorizing the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management to Assess North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation the Amount of \$1,461,128

O R D E R N O. 23,300

September 20, 1999

The New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management (NHOEM) submitted a letter on September 1, 1999 requesting that the Chairman of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission), pursuant to RSA 107-B, assess North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation (North Atlantic) for the estimated costs to maintain the New Hampshire Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) for the Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant. The request provides the estimated annual costs associated with personnel, training, associated expenses and equipment expenses incurred by local municipalities, state agencies and outside support agencies that have responsibilities with respect to the Seabrook Station RERP.

The total requested assessment for the Fiscal Year 2000 consists of two parts: (1) \$1,461,128 for State agency and outside support agency costs; and (2) the direct provision of certain equipment and/or services in support of the RERP.

The financial support consists of the following:

10 Personnel - Permanent	\$	453,157
16 Unclassified Employees	\$	25,000
18 Duty Officer (Overtime)	\$	3,500
20 Current Expenses	\$	62,500
28 Rent	\$	43,300
30 Equipment	\$	23,000
40 Indirect Cost	\$	23,689
46 Consultants	\$	45,000
49 Office of Health Mgmt.	\$	230,000
50 Temporary Personnel/Overtime	\$	95,776
60 Fringe Benefits	\$	177,641
70 In-State Travel	\$	10,000
80 Out-Of-State Travel	\$	5,000
91 Rockingham County	\$	44,000
92 Vehicle Lease	\$	7,500
94 Local Support	\$	151,840
96 State Agencies	\$	35,225
97 Other Agencies	\$	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$	1,461,128

The NHOEM requests that payments of the above assessment be made in response to monthly invoices prepared by NHOEM and submitted to North Atlantic. North Atlantic will prepare each check made payable to Treasurer, State of New

Hampshire and send payment to the NHOEM within 30 days after receipt of each invoice. Failure to remit payment in a timely manner will result in the assessment of a late penalty fee. The NHOEM also indicates that it reserves the right to transfer funds between classes as necessary in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rules.

RSA 107-B sets forth the Commission's jurisdiction over the assessment of these costs. It provides in pertinent part:

107-B:1 Nuclear Emergency Response Plan.

I. The director of emergency management shall, in cooperation with affected local units of government, initiate and carry out a nuclear emergency response plan as specified in the licensing regulations of each nuclear electrical generating plant. The Chairman of the public utilities commission shall assess a fee from the utility, as necessary, to pay for the cost of preparing the plan and providing the equipment and materials to implement it.

107-B:3 Assessment.

I. The cost of preparing, maintaining, and operating the nuclear planning and response program shall be assessed against each utility which has applied for a license to operate or is licensed to operate a nuclear generating facility which affects municipalities under RSA 107-B:1, II, in such proportions as the Chairman of the public utilities commission determines to be fair and equitable.

The NHOEM submits, and the supporting schedules support, that the above stated costs will provide the resources and personnel required by the various State agencies and outside agencies.

Pursuant to RSA 107-B:1, I have reviewed the NHOEM's

request and supporting data. I find that the budget costs contained therein relate to preparing the plan and providing equipment and materials necessary to implement it. I also find that the direct assessment of equipment and/or services is related to preparing the RERP and providing equipment and/or services necessary to implement it. I, therefore, approve the assessment of \$1,461,128 for Fiscal Year 2000 and the direct provision of equipment and/or services as specified above.

The NHOEM proposed billing mechanism is reasonable. Accordingly, NHOEM is authorized to prepare monthly invoices and submit them to North Atlantic. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of each invoice, North Atlantic will prepare a check made payable to Treasurer, State of New Hampshire, and remit payment to NHOEM. The NHOEM is also authorized to reserve the right to transfer funds between classes as necessary in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rules.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that \$1,461,128 for Fiscal Year 2000 for estimated annual costs associated with personnel, training, current expenses and equipment incurred by State agencies and outside support agencies plus the incorporation of local administration and training costs be assessed against North Atlantic pursuant to RSA 107-B; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the NHOEM is authorized to

require North Atlantic to make payments against the total financial assessment of \$1,461,128 on a per invoice basis; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that these invoices be prepared and submitted to North Atlantic by NHOEM (with an information copy to be provided to the Chairman of the Commission); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that North Atlantic make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice or be assessed a late penalty fee; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the NHOEM is authorized to transfer funds between classes as necessary in accordance with State of New Hampshire Administrative Rules.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentieth day of September, 1999.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary